SAFETY ALERT

IMPROPER PACKAGING OF MUNITIONS CAN HAVE CATASTROPHIC EFFECTS

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An accident occurred at Forward Operating Base (FOB) Zangabad, Afghanistan on 13 November 2012; killing one Soldier and injured two others, when an ARMAG exploded after ordnance was improperly stored. An improperly packed and stored signal flare ignited, and resulting in a fire and explosion.

DESTROYED ARMAG

1. Removed firing cap from the primer end of the flare to prevent the primer from being struck.
2. Properly package the flare in its proper shipping container

IMPROPERLY STORED

Always -- Follow Proper Ammunition Storage Procedures:

- Follow approved regulations, SOPs, procedures, OPORDs, AINs and Safety Alert Messages, etc.
- Train to recognize the dangers and hazards associated with Ammunition and Explosives.
- Ensure inhabited areas are as far away from storage locations as possible.
- Ensure proper placards and MSDS are posted.
- Do not exceed NEW capacity on storage containers.
- Ensure heat- or flame-producing items are not stored within 50 ft.
- Maintain fire-fighting equipment on-hand.
- Follow scheduled inspections of storage areas for serviceability of

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